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**FORMER US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS EMPLOYEE
CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging JAMES JESSE TRUESDALE, 58, of West Sacramento, California, with one count of embezzlement of money from the United States Government.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Wong, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that TRUESDALE was formerly employed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento, California. TRUESDALE allegedly used his position as an authorized signatory on a Corps of Engineers bank account to write checks to himself, and to make cash withdrawals for his personal use. From about August 2002 until August 2003, TRUESDALE embezzled approximately \$110,558 from the bank account.

If convicted, TRUESDALE faces a maximum penalty under federal law of 10 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, a three-year term of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

The charges are only allegations and TRUESDALE is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is the product of an investigation by the United States Army - Criminal Investigation Division.